

Remarks

Claims 1-8, 11 and 13-17 and 20-22 are pending.

Claim 1 is amended.

Claims 2-8, 11, 13-17 and 20-22 are as previously presented.

Claim 1 is amended for clarity by inserting the phrase “wherein the metal of layer A, when present, is the metal of layer B” at the end of the claim. Support is inherent in the application as layer B is formed from layer A and SiO₂ during the calcination step, for example, the instant Specification page 2 paragraph 1 and the examples. Also, as mentioned page 2 lines 19 and 20, Layer A is absent when all of the metal that would make up Layer A is converted to layer B.

No new matter is added.

Rejections

Claims 1-7, 11, 13-17 20 and 22 are rejected under 35 USC 112 second paragraph as being indefinite.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments above address and overcome the specific rejection of claim 1, clarifying that the layer of metal B is the same as the metal of Layer A. Therefore, the metal of claim 6 refers to the metal of both Layer A, when present, and Layer B, which is formed from layer A.

Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the rejections under 35 USC 112 second paragraph of claim 1 and dependent claims are addressed and are overcome and kindly ask that they be withdrawn.

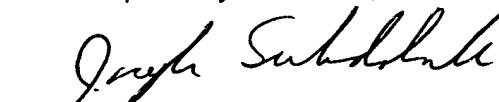
Claims 1-16 are rejected on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness type double patenting over US Pat. No. 7,291,216.

Attached is a terminal disclaimer over US Pat. No. 7,291,216. Applicants therefore kindly ask that the rejections over US Pat. No. 7,291,216 be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections are addressed and are overcome and kindly ask that they be withdrawn and claims 1-8, 11 and 13-17 and 20-22 be found allowable.

In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attached: Terminal Disclaimer over US Pat. No. 7,291,216